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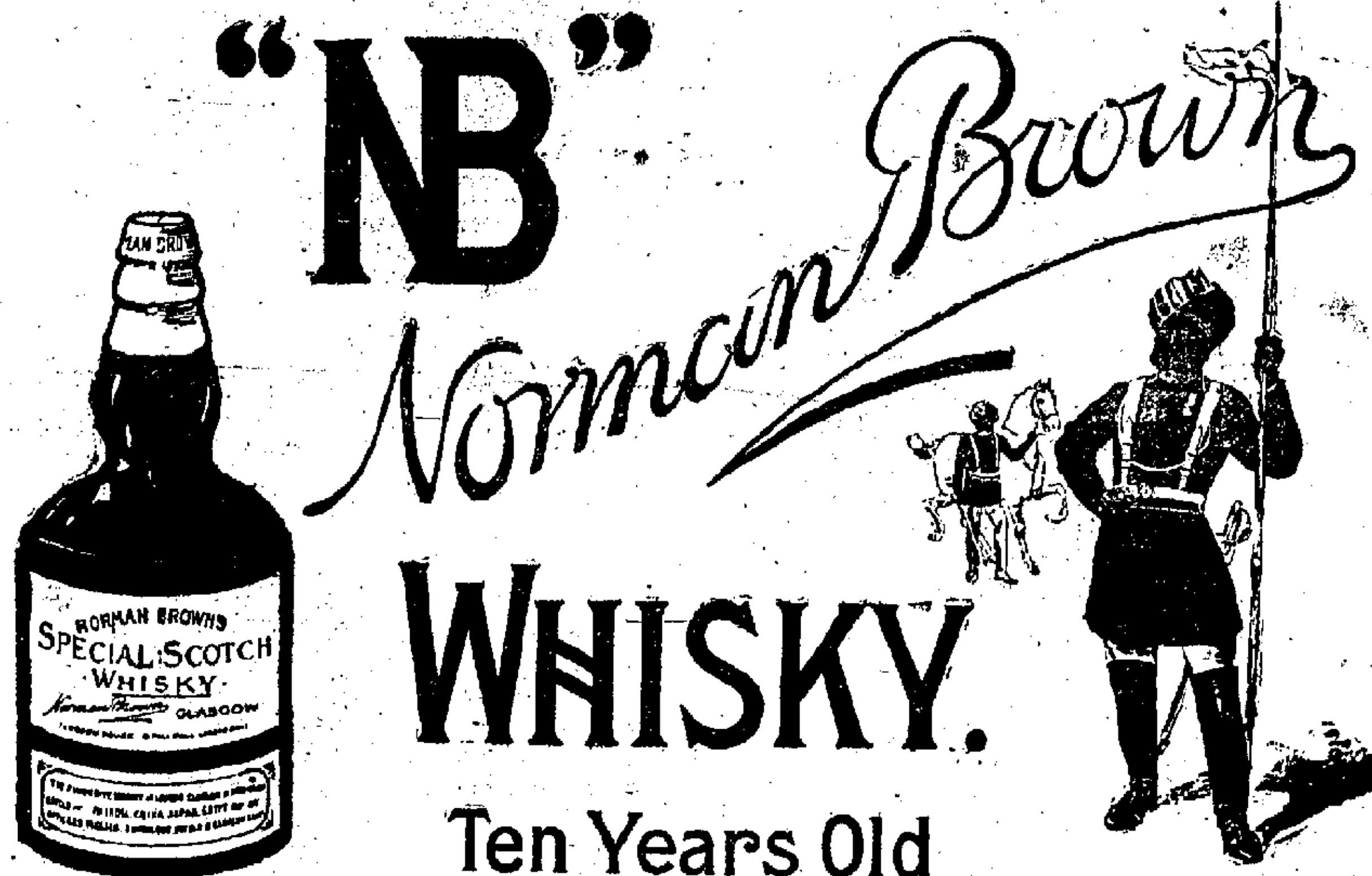
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By Order of the Inspector General,

E. B. DREW,
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CUSTOM HOUSE,
Canton, 7th June, 1897.

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THE GOVERNMENT having Proclaimed TUESDAY, the 22d and WEDNESDAY, the 23d instant, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS in CELEBRATION OF THE SIXTIETH YEAR'S REIGN of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for Public Business on both of those Days.

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Hongkong, June 10, 1897.

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THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 22d and 23d instant, the Days appointed in this Circular for the CELEBRATION of the SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the REIGN of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY the QUEEN.

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Hongkong, June 8, 1897.

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Hongkong, April 30, 1897. 396

AUCTIONS.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 921.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, MONDAY, the 14th day of June, 1897, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1897. 1145

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 14th day of June, 1897, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

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Hongkong, April 30, 1897. 396

Particulars of the Lot.

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In the Matter of Ordinance No. 2 of 1892,

AND

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THE Undersigned begs to give Notice

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who have not already Subscribed, and who

wish to do so, will be kind enough to

communicate with him on or before that Date.

T. JACKSON,

Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, June 12, 1897. 1178

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S

STEAMER CANTON.

FROM LONDON, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at KOWLOON, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 10, 1897. 1169

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THE CHINA MAIL.

CHEVALIER de Koutski gave a recital at Hanoi on the 23rd May.

It is proposed to hold a Gymkhana at Shanghai on Jubilee Day.

The following are the only alterations in local share quotations:—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, 243 1/2 per cent.—\$427.70; China Sugar, \$142.

CAPT. F. L. Lloyd, R.E., formerly of Hongkong, has been selected for appointment as chief instructor of the School of Submarine Mining at Plymouth.

M. INPAUL-HUET, French Consul at Canton, who has just returned to his post, has been contributing to French journals a series of articles on the Si-Kiang or West River. The French are certainly devoting as much attention to this region as the English.

The Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess on Sunday next, the 13th June:—

1. Overture. "Il Canto di Ester." 2. Song. "Abit." 3. Hungarian Dance. 4. Selection from "Turandot." God save the Queen.

Wm. G. Butler, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

In his weekly share report dated June 12, Mr. Erich Georg writes:—Business during the week under review has been of a rather unsatisfactory nature, most of the principal stocks, viz., Banks, Docks, Insurance shares, Lunds and China Sugars having ruled weakish, while Mining shares have more or less declined to a considerable extent. The only stocks which show some improvement are Ropes, Ices, Tramways and Cotton shares.

The visit of the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company to Shanghai came to a close on the 4th inst. The young stars have been very popular in Shanghai, and doubtless the success they had here and in the northern port will follow them to Japan. At the drop of the curtain at Shanghai, the audience refused to leave till the little performers sang "Auld Lang Syne" and Harry Hall, the stage manager, appeared to bow his acknowledgements.

WHEREVER Dr James Cantlie may be is certain to be taking a prominent position in public affairs. In the latest mail papers from home, we see that at a St. John's Ambulance Association fit in the Crystal Palace, the genial James was acting as one of the judges in the competition for the silver Challenge Shield for railway ambulance work won by the Great Eastern Railway team. It may not be generally known that Surgeon-Colonel Everett, at present in Hongkong, went "on the stump" with Dr Cantlie in England and Scotland after returning from the Egyptian campaign; and it was mainly, if not entirely, due to their efforts that the Volunteer Medical Corps attached to various Universities and Medical Schools were first instituted and placed on a solid working basis.

The Hongkong correspondent of the N. C. Daily News gives publicity to the ancient rumour that another regiment of British Infantry will shortly be added to the Hongkong Garrison. We have made enquiry on the subject, and learn that although it is intended to greatly augment the British Artillery the War Office has no intention of strengthening the infantry. The same correspondent hears that it is in contemplation to make a military road from Mount Austin to the Peak called High West, and there construct forts and barracks for Artillery, adding: "The news has been received with mixed feelings, some Peak residents fearing that the quartering of a large number of troops at Mount Austin will destroy the quiet and seclusion of the Peak; others thinking that it will be a good thing on the whole, and that sufficient accommodation for residents will be furnished by the Peak Hotel and other houses, and that when the Governor's new quarters are provided, Craigieburn will be turned into a boarding house and provide room for a number of bachelors."

Prudently, however, the Peak are naturally

anxious about the prospect, as it may mean

W² of securing a fair return on capital invested, which has never yet been obtained, owing first to over-building, and secondly to the high cost of building and the frequency of repairs.

New PILOTS just arrived: but makers, Also Cabin and Transposing Pianos, guaranteed for the climate. W. Robinson & Co.

An English lady bicycling up the Malo at 6 a.m. on the 6th inst. was assaulted by a couple of Chinese youths, who deliberately threw her over, bicycle and all. She was hurt and bruised and her bicycle was damaged, while her assailants ran away laughing. Unfortunately, there was no policeman in sight at the time nor any other foreigner, while the Chinese near

made no attempt whatever to stop the ruffians.—N. C. Daily News.

The International Submarine Telegraph Memorial Committee, of which the late Sir George Tweddell is the chairman, has granted "The Sir John Pender Gold Medal," value £1,000, to the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College. It is given annually to the best student who at the same time obtains the college diploma in electrical engineering. At the end of this session, which terminated last month, it was awarded to Mr. David Robertson Glendinning. The origin of this medal was due to the fact that Sir John Pender, when so young, had gained the "Sir John Pender" medal for the best design in electricity in the annual exhibition in Glasgow, in session 1858-59, and he gave a sum annually for upwards of ten years to Professor Jamison, to be presented to the best student of his electrical engineers in the class.

FRAGRANT WATER'S MURMUR
That the Jubilee is drifting, as to names, into Record Reign, Commemorative Reign, Diamond, and even Golden Jubilee.

That a Jubilee of this description—which is unique, not only in time but in other conditions—may be called by any name; but the fact is the same, that Great Britain has been ruled for sixty years by our beloved Queen as it has never been ruled

That the adoption of the phrase, "Record Reign"—which is, of course, a matter of taste, or of accuracy—appears to meet the case more fully than any other term, because the Record means a record of so much that was different from other reigns.

That the efforts being made by the European and Chinese to celebrate this Record Reign are such as ought to prove the unqualified loyalty of the residents of Hongkong.

That, after the liberal response to the appeal on behalf of the Indian Famine Fund, it was supposed that Record Reign Celebration would have a poor chance of success.

That the actual result is a surprise to certain croakers, not to those who know the feeling of residents who are really loyal, but those who (although not British subjects) insist on the advantages of residing in a British Colony.

That the actual money represented by these feelings is now supposed to foot up to something very near to ninety thousand dollars.

That it is somewhat amusing to note the pleasure expressed by the connoisseurs, also upon the fact that the Government has agreed to double the amount subscribed.

That there exists a vague notion to the effect that other eighty or ninety thousand dollars will come from some Governmental source which is entirely unconnected with our Colonial resources.

That I daresay we shall be guided through all the financial labyrinth of our fiscal and Imperially-threathened troubles; but, all the same, we willington continue to boast the Record Reign.

That the preparations for this unprecedented year of loyalty are going on apace, and favourable weather is the only condition which remains to be considered and provided for.

That there has been nothing but the utmost harmony in the arrangements concerning the Record Reign, and in this we may score a point, if not a record.

That Admiral Wedderburn and Vice-Admiral Rodney are, I understand, quite in accord as to "general effect."

That I understand the Official Programme will be issued in a day or two.

That I hear the soldiers will be called upon to assist in keeping the crowd in proper Jubilee order, and perhaps the soldiers would not all object to this service.

That the Voluntary Concert at Headquarters was a marked success, especially from the fact that H. E. the Hon. Colonel (Sir William) Robinson was in his best form in his remarks while presenting the prize.

That it is a pity we have so few of these entertainments, as their effect upon the success of the Volunteer Corps is unquestionable.

That the influence of Sir John Carrington upon such entertainments, ought to see the H.K.V. the best force in the Far East.

That the question of the Postal Subsidy is one which I fancy must be left until, as you suggest, the blessed Jubilee is done with.

That the suggestions on instruction, inserted in this business are so much "up against our feelings, that we had better leave them until the end of the year.

That we should have quiet and peace, and harmony, until we have shown our appreciation of the unenvied and unenvied advantages of the Record Reign.

That a correspondent, who tried to tackle the question of St. Paul's in Hongkong, and this seems to be premature, because he cannot have any typhoons for at least the next ten days.

That he says they have been changed for the worse, but I put it the Harbour Master for the present is engaged upon the steam-launch procession.

That it is pleasing to see the Tytan Reservoir filling up so satisfactorily in the Jubilee month.

That a water fountain in the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign appears to be a most unlikely event, and for this we should be thankful.

That the community will be pleased to see the services of our Court Registers (Mr. Norton Kyte) set out in the Colonies and India.

That Mr. Kyte has the reputation of being an exceedingly careful and experienced official, and the best test is the smooth and satisfactory course of procedure since his assumption of office here.

That the "Peak" has the reputation of being an excellent and experienced official, and the best test is the smooth and satisfactory course of procedure since his assumption of office here.

That apparently some of the heads of departments have been deprived of a summer residence by an arrangement which has not been properly explained.

That much may be said on both sides, but it would appear from a public point of view the best of the bargain has been got by the Peak Club.

BROWNIE.

A FEW days ago, said the Odessa correspondent of the Times, on May 4, upwards of 1,000 emigrants left here, via Vladivostok, for the Amur district, and next week another 1,000, numbering nearly 2,000, drawn from the Cossacks of the Orenburg district and the Don military district, will leave by the cruiser Voroshilov.

These Cossacks, who with their families are being sent out at the expense of the Government, are picked specimens of their race. Each family, on arriving in the Amur district, receives 500 rubles, which must be repaid to the Government within a period of thirty-three years; also 100 trees free for the building of huts, &c.

Each emigrant man, woman, or child, is given a grant of thirty-two desiatines of land, and the Government, moreover, feeds and clothes each emigrant for the first three years (not of charge). During the first three years after the emigrant arrives here he is allowed to have railway travelling passes for the purpose, and all medical and personal military service for the first five years.

"A. G. Godal" medal for the best design in pottery in the old Technical Institution of Glasgow, in session 1858-59, and he gave a sum annually for upwards of ten years to Professor Jamison, to be presented to the best student of his technical engineers in the class.

HOME NEWS.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, May 12.

You in Hongkong are sweltering in the heat, mist and rains of May. Here, today, the north wind rushes and blusters through the streets of London with a keenness hardly ever known to "Ye City by the Sea!" The winter has been exceptionally mild. There has been but little frost and no skating. On the other hand, spring has rather backward. Much rain a little sun, east wind and clouded skies, have done their best to frustrate nature in her efforts to clothe herself once more in her spring-tide robe. This notwithstanding the country is becoming very beautiful. Spring flowers are plentiful, even in London, and very cheap. There must be an enormous trade here now in cut flowers. At numerous street corners, not only the well-known flower-girls, but groups of men and women stand offering to the passer-by bouquets of tulips, lilies of the valley, wallflowers, and many other kinds well known to the residents of Hongkong. For sixpence a week, the careful flower-girls may have flowers constantly on her breakfast table, which, though perhaps less showy are more fragrant than those with which Hongkong mansions are decked. Our feathered songsters, too, announce that spring is here. Instead of the perpetual twitter of the ubiquitous sparrow, one can hear in the Thames valley the old notes of the cuckoo as well as the charming night-song of the classic nightingale. Old flowers, old birds, old songs recombine to the bleak sky and blustering winds of our island spring, and we do not for the hour envy you your heat and south-west monsoon."

THE MAY MEETINGS.

The religious world is now *en fete*, and the much-maligned Extra Hall and more secular St. James's Hall are filled day after day by crowds of eager and sympathetic audiences, which listen hour after hour to the eloquence of the orator and the prosaic talk of the less-gifted speaker. View it as we may this yearly meeting in London of the religious class is a remarkable phenomenon, one almost if not altogether I believe, peculiar to the religious life of England. The May Meetings really originated in the annual gatherings of the country members of the Society of Friends in Devonshire House, Bishopsgate Street. When the great revival of philanthropy came along at the end of the last century, the leaders of the Anti-slavery party, Wilberforce, Thornton and Macaulay found that the influence of Sir John Carrington upon such entertainments, ought to see the H.K.V. the best force in the Far East.

That the question of the Postal Subsidy is one which I fancy must be left until, as you suggest, the blessed Jubilee is done with.

That the suggestions on instruction, inserted in this business are so much "up against our feelings, that we had better leave them until the end of the year.

That we should have quiet and peace,

and harmony, until we have shown our appreciation of the unenvied and unenvied advantages of the Record Reign.

That a correspondent, who tried to tackle the question of St. Paul's in Hongkong, and this seems to be premature, because he cannot have any typhoons for at least the next ten days.

That he says they have been changed for the worse, but I put it the Harbour Master for the present is engaged upon the steam-launch procession.

That it is pleasing to see the Tytan Reservoir filling up so satisfactorily in the Jubilee month.

That a water fountain in the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign appears to be a most unlikely event, and for this we should be thankful.

That the community will be pleased to see the services of our Court Registers (Mr. Norton Kyte) set out in the Colonies and India.

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That the "Peak" has the reputation of being an exceedingly careful and experienced official, and the best test is the smooth and satisfactory course of procedure since his assumption of office here.

That apparently some of the heads of departments have been deprived of a summer residence by an arrangement which has not been properly explained.

That much may be said on both sides, but it would appear from a public point of view the best of the bargain has been got by the Peak Club.

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